

HOUSE BILL No. 1231

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6-11-4.

Synopsis: Ban on conversion therapy. Prohibits a mental health provider from engaging in conversion therapy with a patient less than 18 years of age, and subjects a mental health provider who violates the prohibition to disciplinary action.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-11-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"conversion therapy" means any practice or treatment that seeks**
5 **to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity,**
6 **including any effort to change gender expression or to eliminate or**
7 **reduce sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward individuals**
8 **of the same gender. The term does not include counseling intended**
9 **to assist a person undergoing gender transition, provide**
10 **acceptance, support, and understanding to a person, or facilitate**
11 **the individual's coping, social support, or identity exploration and**
12 **development as long as the counseling does not seek to change the**
13 **individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.**
14 **(b) As used in this section, "mental health provider" includes**
15 **the following:**
16 **(1) A psychiatrist or physician who is licensed under**
17 **IC 25-22.5.**



- 1 **(2) A psychologist who is licensed under IC 25-33.**
- 2 **(3) An individual who holds a license under this article.**
- 3 **(4) A school psychologist licensed by the Indiana state board**
- 4 **of education.**
- 5 **(5) A registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse,**
- 6 **or a licensed practical nurse licensed under IC 25-23.**
- 7 **(c) A mental health provider may not engage in conversion**
- 8 **therapy with a patient less than eighteen (18) years of age.**
- 9 **(d) A mental health provider who violates this section is subject**
- 10 **to discipline under IC 25-1-9.**

